

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Fourth graders spend much of the year concentrating on Michigan history. That is the primary focus of our curriculum. In addition, units about the Mayflower, Lewis and Clark, and the Iditarod are studied. Fourth graders will present a Famous People Museum. The class trip is to the state capitol and historical museum in Lansing.

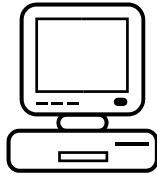


## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Locomotor and non-locomotor skills are reviewed and reinforced. Fitness concepts are reviewed. Teamwork, fair play, constructive competition, and leadership are also stressed. They will also participate in the Presidential Fitness Program.

## **COMPUTERS**

Learning keyboarding skills is stressed in fourth grade. Students are also taught basic word processing skills and use these skills to prepare papers, letters, cards, etc. The Excel program is introduced. The Internet is used as a research tool.



## **MUSIC**

The fourth graders will grow in their understanding of important characteristics of music such as beat, volume, and tempo. The majority of the school year is spent learning to read music and play the recorder. This aids in the preparation for entering the school band in fifth grade. They will also sing a variety of songs including hymns, fun songs, patriotic songs, holiday songs, and educational songs. Students also participate in Sunday worship service on a regular schedule as well as the school Christmas service.



## **ART**

Children are encouraged to create their own unique works of art through experiences with colors, lines, shapes, patterns, textures, and designs. They have opportunities to work with a variety of media. The focus of art at this level is on the process, appreciating the skills of others, and taking pride in the final product. The Krasl Understanding Art Program helps teach art terms, art appreciation, and new art experiences.



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## *4<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum*



## *Our Mission Statement:*

Trinity Lutheran School partners with students and families to live and mature in the Christian faith while providing educational excellence.

## RELIGION

Using the CPH *Voyages* curriculum, we survey basic lessons of the Bible from



Creation. . . to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. . . and the history of the New Testament churches. We see how God has unfolded his plan

of salvation throughout history and brought it to us today. We apply the Bible lessons to our daily life, including ministry outreach to nursing homes and needy families.

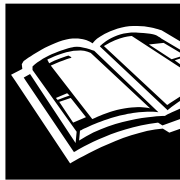
The children lead one of the weekly chapel services a year. Their memory work program includes the Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, and various Bible verses.

## READING

In fourth grade, children practice reading many types of literature in their text, in trade books, and in units designed by the teacher.

They practice oral and silent reading. Students continue to practice a variety of strategies to

help them recognize words and increase comprehension. They learn to recognize the elements of a story, and practice finding the main idea and summarizing these stories. The students work on dictionary skills and practice study skills.



The fourth grade reading program exposes the students to several genres of stories including mysteries, plays, poetry, and biographies. Emphasis is placed on improving comprehension and reading with fluency and expression. Books are read aloud to the students to model fluency and expression.

## ENGLISH



Students focus on the grammar skills of sentence structure, punctuation and capitalization, nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs.

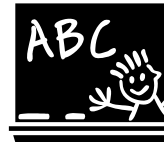
Instruction in these basic skills is designed to expand the students' ability to communicate through writing. Students will learn to write for specific purposes and specific styles, including: personal narratives, descriptions, story writing, persuasive essays, and personal essays.

## HANDWRITING

Continuing with the D'nealian method, fourth graders work to improve the legibility of their cursive writing. Review of upper case, lower case, and letter joinings are practiced, applied and evaluated.

## SPELLING

The fourth graders study the spelling of words directly related to the reading lesson for the week. There will be a list of words to learn each week, which will follow a pattern or rule of spelling. Spelling will be guided in all writings of the student.



## MATH

The Fourth graders review addition and subtraction, determine landmarks in data, review multiplication facts and concentrate on long multiplication and long division.

Decimals, geometry, estimation, fractions, measurements, percents, symmetry, square roots, perimeter, area, volume, negative numbers and beginning algebra are explored.



Most days the students will have homework to complete, which reviews concepts from previous lessons as well as material from the day's lesson.

## SCIENCE



The fourth grade science program focuses on life science, earth science, and physical science. Study includes plants and animals, matter and energy, oceans, electrical energy, and atmosphere and weather. Students also develop study skills of vocabulary and content material. They are given opportunities to demonstrate knowledge individually, as well as in groups. Hands-on experiments are utilized.